

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement of June 13, 2005, the Substitute Specification, and claims of the subject U.S. patent application, as set forth in the Preliminary Amendment, have been amended. With respect to the Substitute Specification, several typographical and numbering errors have been corrected. These changes do not constitute any new matter.

All of the claims presented in the Preliminary Amendment have been reviewed. As categorized by the Examiner in the Restriction Requirement, there were four groups of method claims and one group of apparatus claims. The apparatus claims, which are claims 109-120, have been cancelled in this application. As indicated above, applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to those claims.

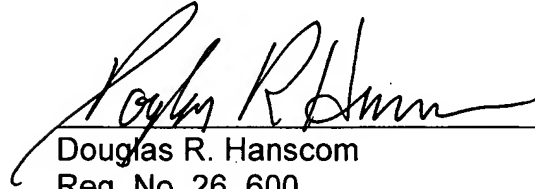
The method claims of Groups I-IV have been amended. Claim 49 is now the sole independent claim. Several others of the previously independent claims have been amended to depend from currently amended independent claim 49. Independent claim 52, as well as various ones of the dependent claims, which are now duplicative, have been cancelled.

It is believed that this Response to the Restriction Requirement of June 13, 2005 will expedite the prosecution of the subject application. An early and favorable Office Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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